

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of processing feathers and products produced thereby. The method preferably comprises the step of reducing feathers in at least one of a refiner and a pulper. A cleaning agent is preferably added to the feather material before and/or after the reducing step. The cleaning agent will preferably be hydrogen peroxide, detergent, a surface acting surfactant, bleach, or a combination thereof. The method can also include the steps of (a) adding paper pulp to the reduced feather material and then (b) forming a product from the combined material.